



THE Return of

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The long gap between issues has been closed. Apologies for the delay. The editor has appreciated all your encouraging comments. Enjoy your read.

Special thanks to our match secretary, Mr. Bob Smith for his contributions and support. We have just managed to meet the deadline of appearing with the letter from *President Pete*.

Thanks to Bob Tait for sponsoring this issue. We have had several offers to pay for the postage for each issue. If you are interested please contact the editor or Bob Smith.

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Editorial

THE HACK has been absent in print but not in thoughts from the members of the Club. It strikes the editor that the support and encouragement reflects one of the special qualities of Inverkeithing Curling Club - the camaraderie and association with brother curlers.

It should not be forgotten that there is also a great satisfaction from performing well on the ice. The recent close result between the club and Dunfermline gave all concerned a chance to reflect on the potential of a win against rivals, whose record allows more talk about former glories.

Last year we had a rink who progressed to the final stages of a national competition at Forest Hills. We hope for more success

The RCCC announce a Tour of Switzerland

in January 1998

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Alan Maclachlan without delay. The closing date for requests to the RCCC is 8/1/97. You need to contact Alan before then.

The actual dates are 9th - 23rd January 1998.

The next issue will be printed in January (before February) - if you have any stories and articles please send them in. It would be great to receive match reports and news of achievements on the ice.

Contents

Match Secretary Report
New faces and promotions
Club News

Results of competitions
and ..

**well read on and find out for
yourself!!**

C & WF League

A great start with a win for Ritchie. Leaving the Club at the top of the League. Since then we have settled for a mid table position with 2 wins and 2 defeats.

8/10 won R&A Ladies

23/10 lost to Falkland

6/11 won R&A

20/11 Lost to Rothes

Province League

On balance better a better ratio of results with two wins and a defeat.

4/10 Lost to Dunfermline (1 - 22)

22/10 Won Dunfermline ladies

3/12 Won Balwearie

Jim MacDonald and Alan Maclachlan would appreciate any memorabilia to help build up our club history.

There is a rumour that Jim Murray has approached the new Fife Council to request a by pass for Struan Place. He is unhappy about the congestion that can disrupt vehicles stopping to collect him for curling matches.

JR (inventor of the chicken finger is back on the ice this year - good to see.

Jimmy Riggans has missed all the matches due to injury.

New seconds - Iain Paxton and Mike

Crainor are enjoying the chance to play up the team.

At the Dinner Jim Aitken offered to sponsor THE HACK no 7. Please get in touch with Bob or Phil if you have any problems getting THE HACK.

There has been the usual large number of difficulties putting out the rink as published in the programme - even with 6 five man rinks. It must make being a skip quite a pain at times. It does also suggest that a number of the missing people are not making as big a commitment to their team as is required.

Don't forget we need your contributions and ideas. Enjoy the next few weeks. We will be back in January.

Province Bonspiel v Perth & Kinross.

Peter Ritchie and Bob Tait both won. Ian Macleod was most impressed by the quality of the furnishings at Dewars Perth Ice Rink.

It is most certainly a premier curling facility. If you get the chance to curl there do take it.

Opening Bonspiel

Congratulations to Peter Ritchie, Sydney Francis Joseph Benedict Ward, James Wilson and Ed Martin who won the event by the closest of margins to Bob Smith. (Bob is still not sure what the difference was !!)

The after event entertainment was not quite as special as in some years, many members seemed tired and needing an early night. Possible fines at the Dinner for Iain Paxton - refusing a request from the President to sing ! Archie Terras made his debut with a version of 'ole man river'.

By the way did the Trophy turn up?

By the way we have two characters in the club who had a great attempt to emulate those two characters in the Muppets who sit and cast judgment on all from the theatre box - so did Jim Murray and Douglas Lamond from the viewing seats at Kinross.

Best wishes to John Blyth, Amand Rae and Ian Macleod who are all getting over serious health problems. get back on the ice soon.

We should also send best wishes to Mrs. John Blyth and Mrs. Ian Macleod who have both been poorly.

Congratulations to Jimmy and Chrissie Wilson on celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary this year.

The Supper Dance was very successful. Everyone present will be pleased to see that the organising group deserve great praise. It was however quite obvious that a relatively small number of members were present - many tables were made up of guests.

Members who were not present certainly missed a fine night out.

Quotations

Rod Burns ' You'll have to draw in here"
Iain Robertson ' I can't draw a shot"

Is this the right approach from a skip? or
was it just a sign of the pressure?

Martin has excused all his
performances at Kirkcaldy by claiming
he 'just does not like playing there'.

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Pts	Ag'st	PTS	+/-
H. Smith	8	5	2	1	50	45	11	5
Lamond	7	5	2	0	63	35	10	28
Tait	6	4	1	1	4	44	9	4
Hunter	6	4	2	0	53	33	8	20
R. Smith	7	4	3	0	61	46	8	15
Maclachlan	7	3	4	0	44	38	6	6
Robertson	6	3	3	0	30	55	6	-25
Ritchie	7	2	5	0	38	53	4	-15
Kennedy	7	2	5	0	42	57	4	-15
Macdonald	7	1	6	0	37	60	2	-23

Table as at 4/12/96

The first display of the table this season. The pacesetter remains Hector Smith. Peter Ritchie has not won since his third game and has slipped down the table.

It now looks as if the champions will come from one of the top four teams. *Relegation* stares at any two of the bottom five teams.

See Match secretary report on page two.

Please read the letter from President Peter Ritchie - and make sure you do something about attending the forthcoming events. The first event on 10th January is only a few weeks away.

Don't be a slouch and get your reply slips in quickly.

Dates for your diary:

Annual Bonspiel Friday 10th January

Points Competition Thursday 30th January

Annual Dinner Friday 28th February

Bellringers gain creditable result at Stirling:

Tulliallan hosted Peter Ritchie and Iain Robertson at Stirling. Alistair Lamond, Mike Trainor and Jim Aitken missed the weekly practice of the Inverkeithing campanologists and *pulled* together to get a 7 - 7 result. match *peeled!!*

Peter R lost a four at the last end - the crucial difference, so he went down by 4 shots.

Winter break

There is a final burst of games in the next week. Then we all can look forward to a break from curling [except outdoor curling of course]. Activity starts in January on the 2nd. Our match secretary must have been having a bad day to get us back in action so soon after the New Year festivities. Make sure you read your fixture lists and put the dates of matches in your new diaries (RCCC best issue we hope).

**Happy Christmas
and Seasons greetings
to all our readers
and their families.**



Wanted

Jim Murray, the famed historian would appreciate any photographs or video action of outdoor curling on (not in) Otterson Loch.

There are certain to be mementos from last year. Is there any record of moments from other years.

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** This is our temp address over the winter. We are 'housesitting'.

Bob Smith will also receive articles and pass them on to the Editor.

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